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July 9, 2014

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United States Court of Appeals
Fourth Circuit
United States courthouse Annex, 5th Floor
1100 East Main Street
Richmond, VA 23219



Re:

Ostrander v. Director, VDOC,

Record No.: 146939 / Appellate No." 3:13-cv-00634-JRS

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed please find my Motion to Amend "Issues Presented" Page of Petition for Appeal. Please present this Motion to the Court at your first convenience. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Philip J. Ostrander

Encl.: Motion to Amend

Cc: Kathleen Martin

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

PHILIP J. OSTRANDER,

Petitioner / Appellant,

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RECORD NO.: 146939

Appellate No.

3:13-cv-00634-

District Court No.: 3:13cv634

DIRECTOR, VIRGINIA DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS,

Respondent / Appellee

MOTION TO AMEND "ISSUES PRESENTED" PAGE OF PETITION FOR APPEAL

COMES NOW, your Appellant, Philip James Ostrander ("Ostrander"), *prose*, pursuant to Rule 27 Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, and moves this Court to allow him to amend the "issues presented" page of his petition for appeal. In support of this Motion Ostrander states as follows:

- 1. Per this Court's Informal Briefing Order, Ostrander had until July 15, 2014, to file his petition for appeal of the final Order of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, dated May 23, 2014, denying and dismissing his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas corpus petition.
- 2. On July 9, 2014, Ostrander did mail to the court his petition for appeal wherein he presented three issues for review. However, upon review of his copy of the petition Ostrander realized that Issue -1 on the page entitled "Issues

Presented" of his petition for appeal was factually incorrect regarding procedural matters in the state court. Specifically, Issue -1 inaccurately states:

THE DISTRICT COURT ERRED WHEN IT FOUND OSTRANDER'S TIME FOR FILING HIS FEDERAL HABEAS PETITION WAS NOT STATUTORILY TOLLED FROM THE TIME THE STATE CIRCUIT COURT DENIED HIS *APPEAL* ON THE GROUNDS THAT HIS NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE *VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT* WAS UNTIMELY FILED WHERE OSTRANDER FILED HIS NOTICE OF APPEAL IN THE TIME AND MANNER AS DIRECTED BY THE STATE CIRCUIT COURT.

However, Issue -1 should state:

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THE DISTRICT COURT ERRED WHEN IT FOUND OSTRANDER'S TIME FOR FILING HIS FEDERAL HABEAS PETITION WAS NOT STATUTORILY TOLLED, FROM THE TIME THE STATE CIRCUIT COURT DENIED HIS HABEAS PETITION UNTIL THE SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA DENIED HIS PETITION FOR APPEAL, ON THE GROUNDS THAT HIS NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE STATE CIRCUIT COURT WAS UNTIMELY FILED WHERE OSTRANDER FILED HIS NOTICE OF APPEAL IN THE TIME AND MANNER AS DIRECTED BY THE STATE CIRCUIT COURT.

- 3. The other two issues presented for appellate review remain the same.
- 4. Ostrander hereby attaches his proposed AMENDED ISSUES PRESENTED by which it is his intent to supplant entirely the prior page entitled ISSUES PRESENTED.

WHEREFORE, Ostrander, having shown said amendment to be in the interest of justice and that the respondent will not be prejudiced by said amendment, moves this Court to supplant the current page entitled *Issues Presented* with the attached page entitled *Amended Issues Presented*, and to provide any other relief the court deems just and equitable.

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Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Ostrander, pro se

Philip James Ostrander #1124822 Augusta Correctional Center 1821 Estaline Valley Road Craigsville, Virginia 24430

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on July 1 2014, I did mail a copy of the foregoing *Motion To Amend "Issues Presented" Page Of Petition For Appeal* and the proposed *Amended Issues Presented*, first-class postage prepaid, to counsel for respondent herein, Kathleen B. Martin, Senior Assistant Attorney General, 900 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Philip J. Ostrander, pro se

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AMENDED ISSUES PRESENTED

- 1. THE DISTRICT COURT ERRED WHEN IT FOUND OSTRANDER'S TIME FOR FILING HIS FEDERAL HABEAS PETITION WAS NOT STATUTORILY TOLLED, FROM THE TIME THE STATE CIRCUIT COURT DENIED HIS HABEAS PETITION UNTIL THE SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA DENIED HIS PETITION FOR APPEAL, ON THE GROUNDS THAT HIS NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WAS UNTIMELY FILED WHERE OSTRANDER FILED HIS NOTICE OF APPEAL IN THE TIME AND MANNER AS DIRECTED BY THE STATE CIRCUIT COURT.
- 2. THE DISTRICT COURT ERRED WHERE IT FOUND OSTRANDER'S FEDERAL HABEAS PETITION UNTIMELY BECAUSE OSTRANDER DID NOT QUALIFY FOR EQUITABLE TOLLING AFTER THE STATE CIRCUIT COURT DISMISSED HIS HABEAS PETITION ON FEBRUARY 13, 2013, BECAUSE HE DID NOT THEN FILE A PROTECTIVE PETITION TO STAY AND ABBEY FEDERAL HABEAS PROCEDURES UNTIL HIS STATE REMEDIES WERE EXHAUSTED.
- 3. THE DISTRICT COURT ERRED WHERE IT FOUND THE VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT'S DENIAL OF OSTRANDER'S NOTICE OF APPEAL AS UNTIMELY WAS BASED UPON AN ADEQUATE AND INDEPENDENT STATE PROCEDURAL RULE.



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